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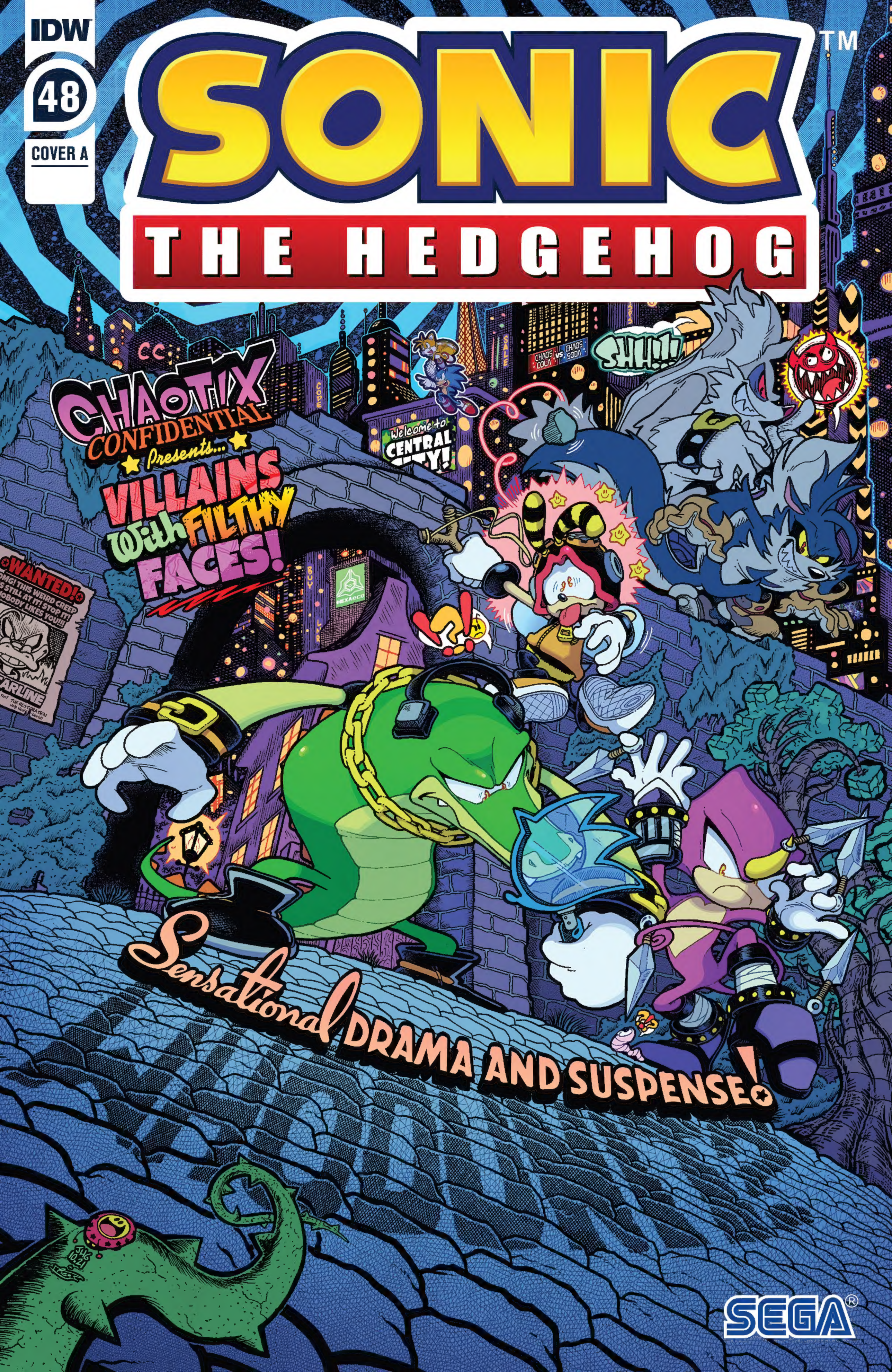

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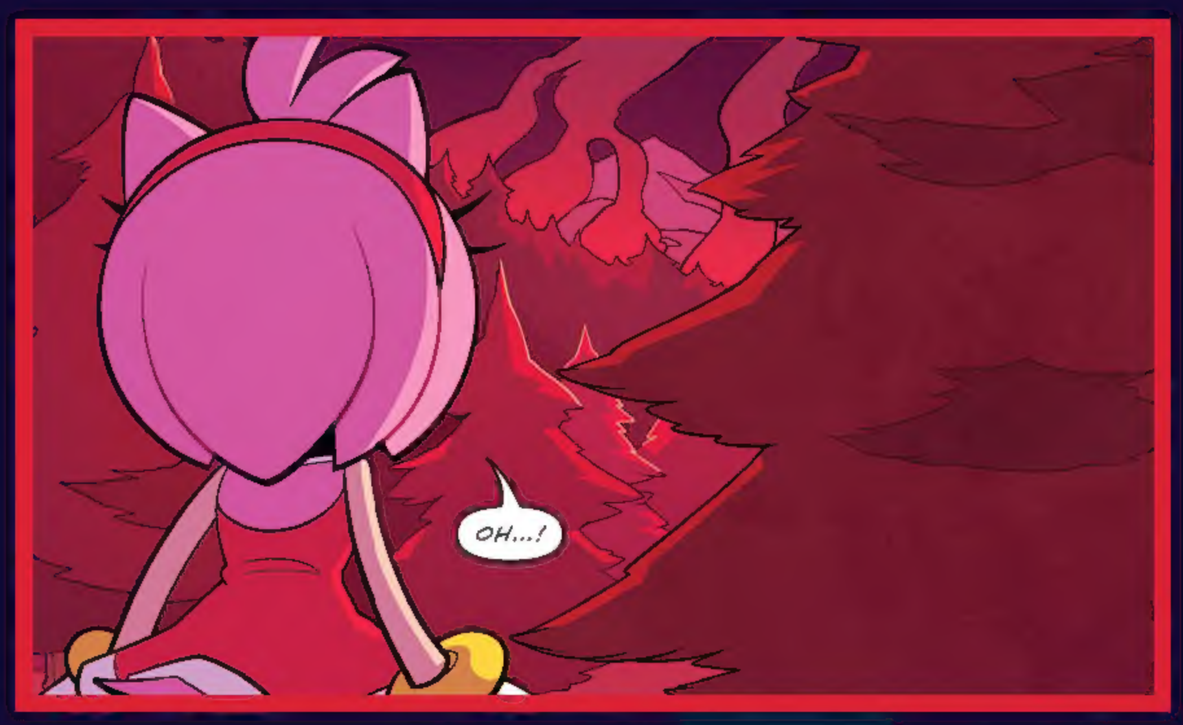
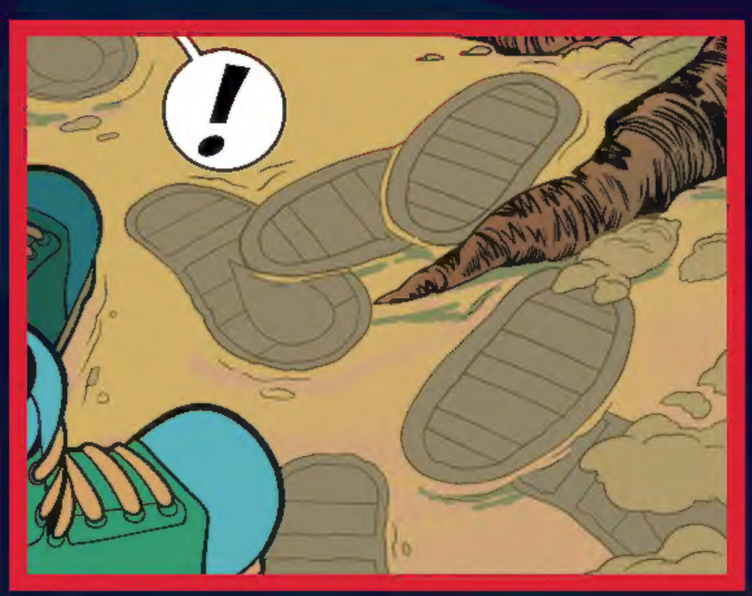

OH...!

--MEET YOU.

STORY SO FAR

I SAW WHO DID IT. IT WAS A LADY WITH BIG SPIKES AND A BOY MY SIZE.
THE LADY MADE LIGHTNING WITH HER HANDS, THAT'S WHAT STARTED THE FIRE!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POP
POP

"...THIS WAS NO ACCIDENT."
MISSING
RANGE ATTACK ON CITY
CHAOS COLA

VECTOR THE CROCODILE
Rocking detective.
Chaotix leader.

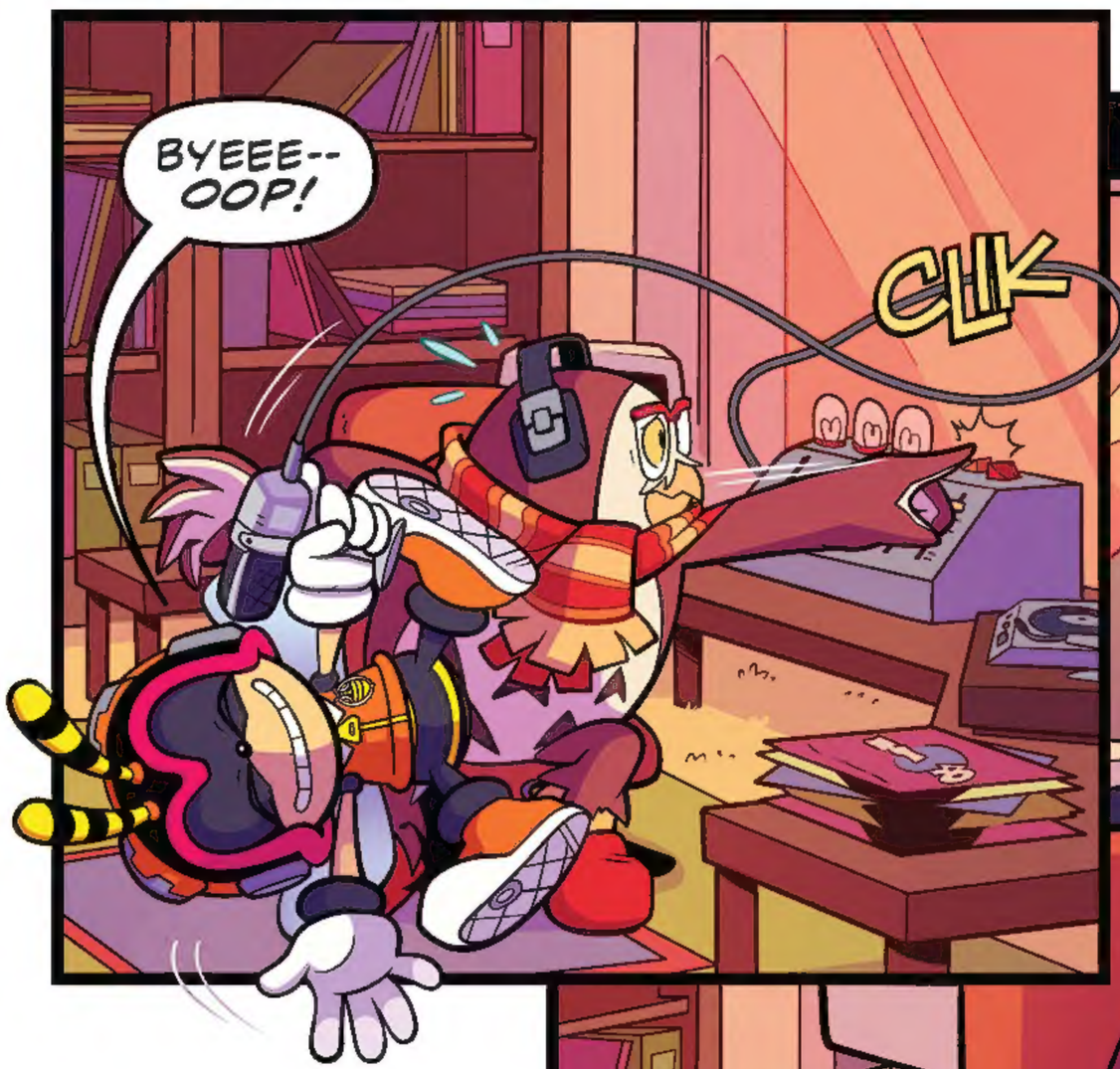
ESPIO THE CHAMELEON
Ninja, spy, detective.
Chaotix member.

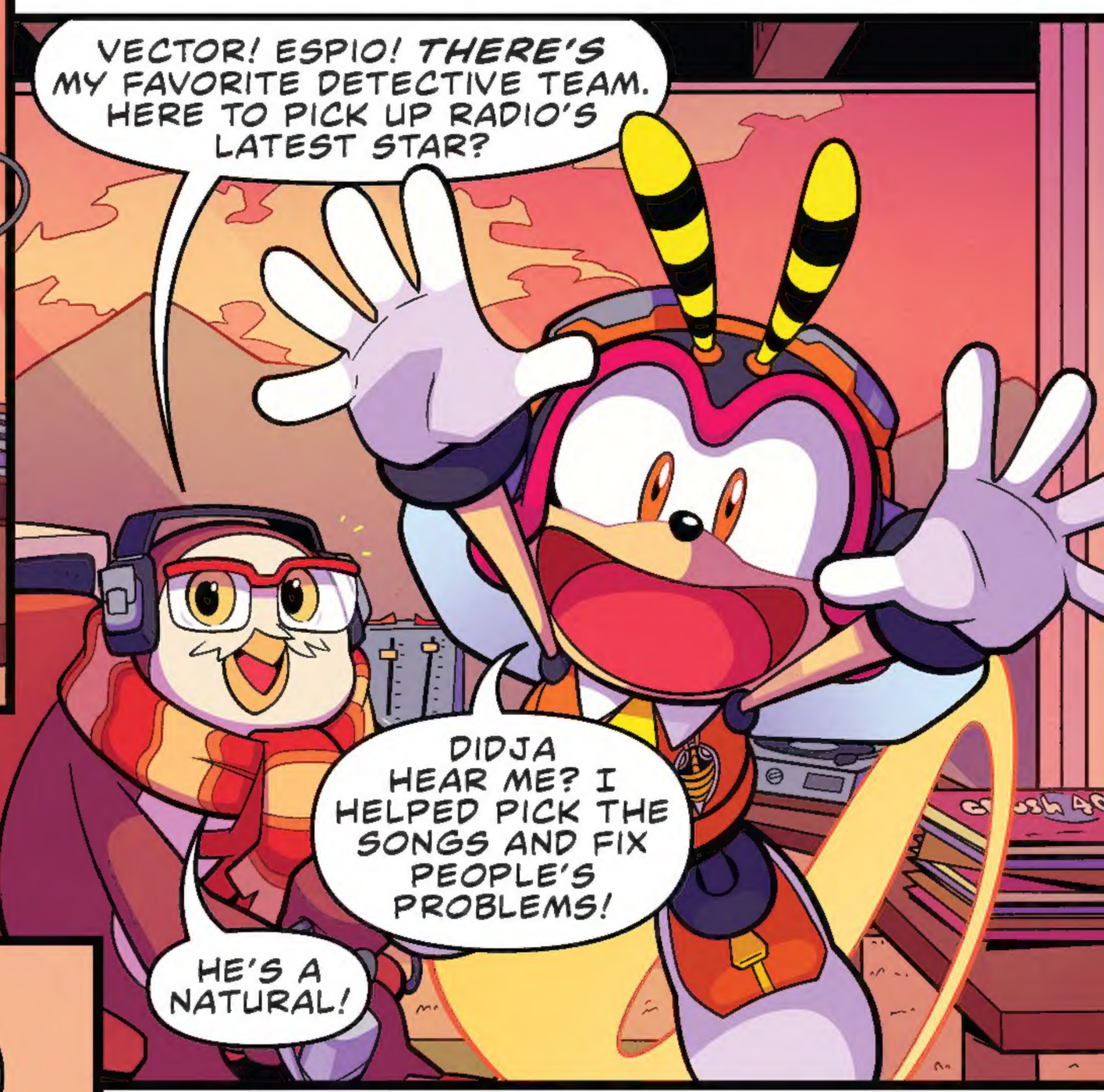
CHARMY BEE
Energentic detective.
Chaotix member.

NITE THE OWL
Helpful radio host.
On KTBR 199.2 nightly.

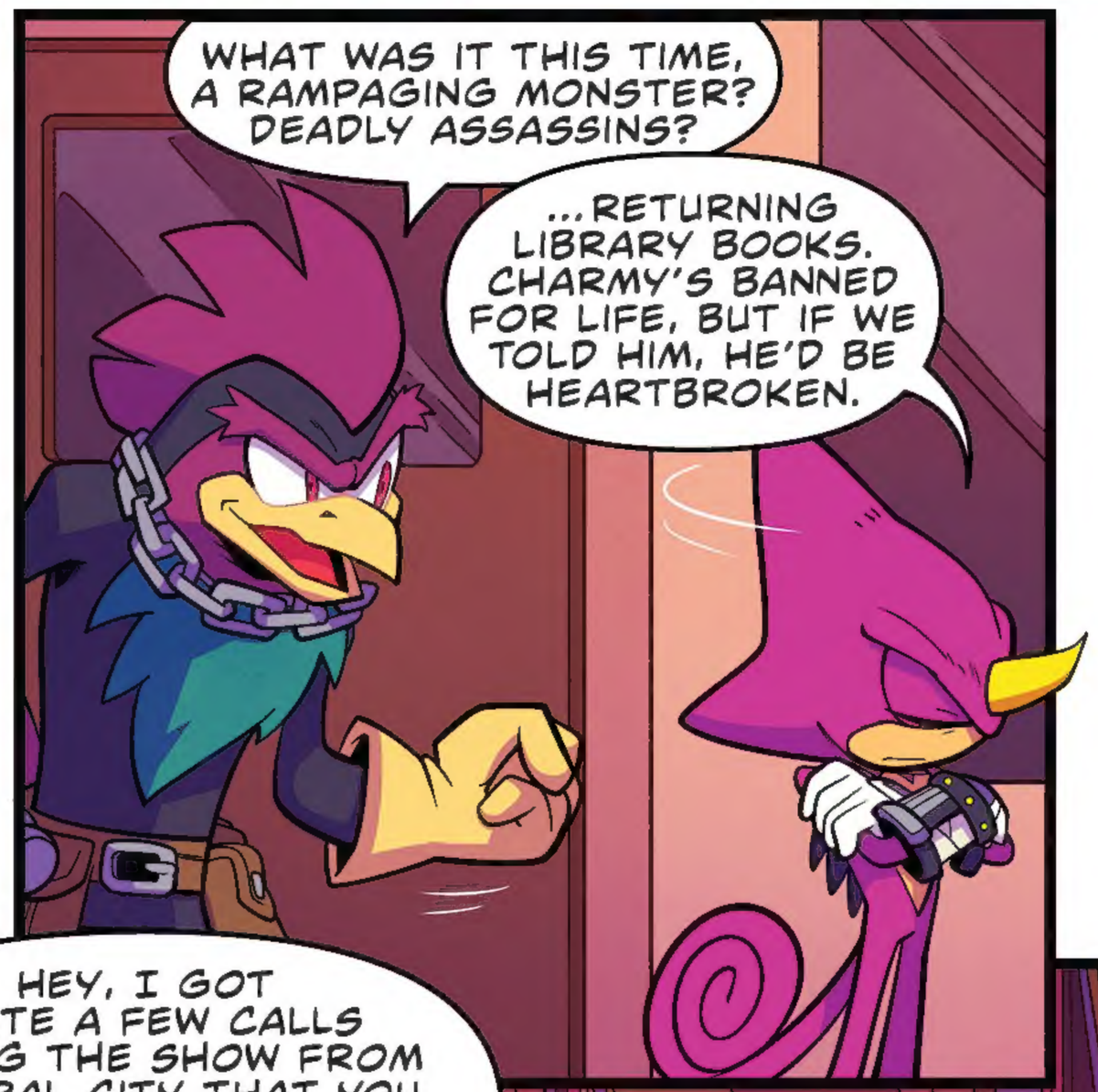
DON THE ROOSTER
Nightshift custodian.
At KTBR 199.2 nightly.

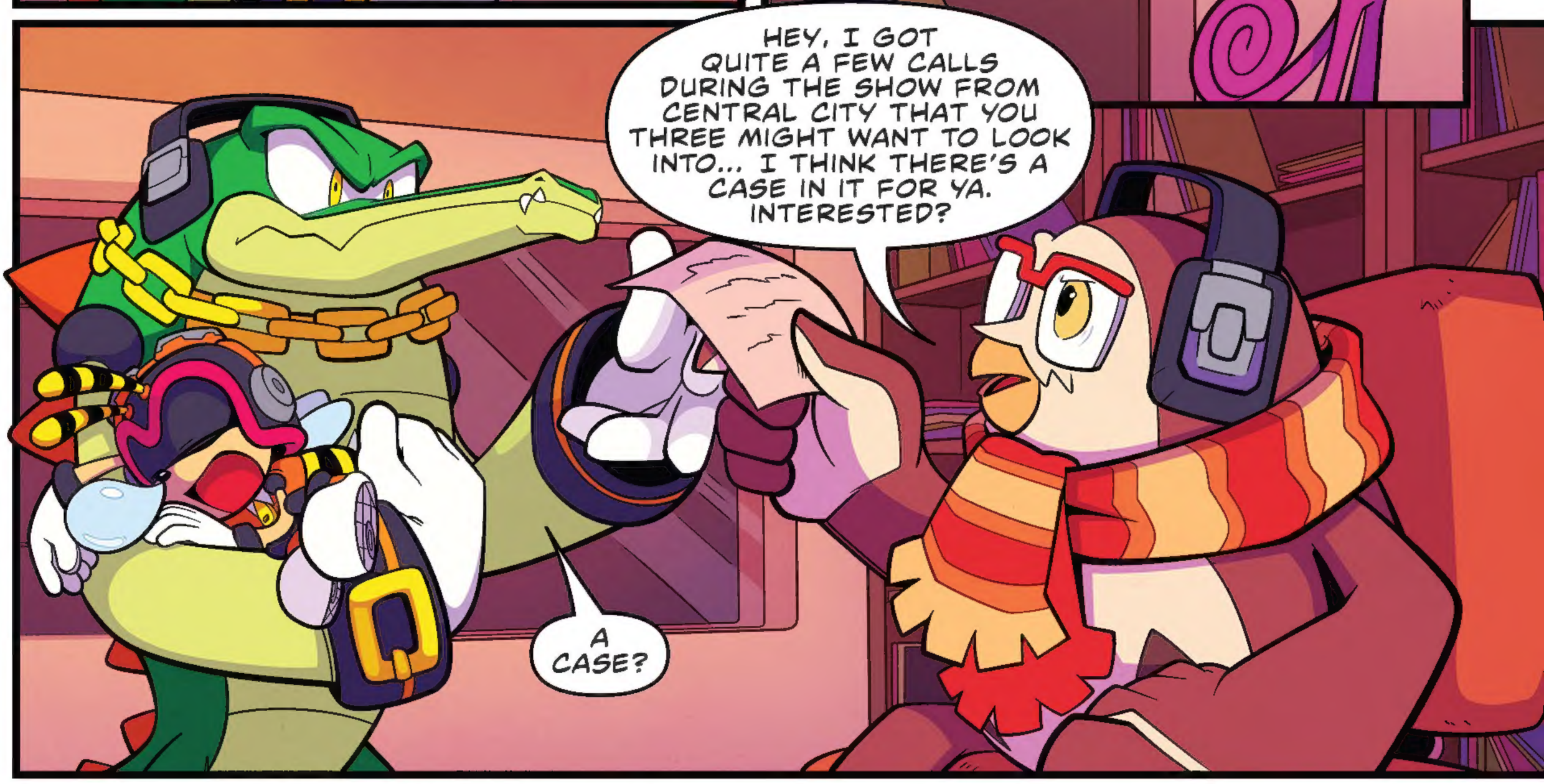
WELL, FOLKS, THE ROOSTER'S CROWIN' AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS! I'LL BE BACK TOMORROW WITH MORE ADVICE AND TUNES TO GET YOU THROUGH THE NIGHT.
KTBR 199.2
AND REMEMBER, YOU'RE LISTENING TO--
OOH! CAN I SAY IT? I WANNA SAY IT!
IT'S 199.2, KTBR!
ABOUT TIME YOU TWO GOT HERE. C'MON IN AND COLLECT THE LITTLE TERROR.
KTBR 199.2
DON'T DO ANYTHING DUMB DURING THE DAY, 'CAUSE NITE CAN'T HELP YOU!

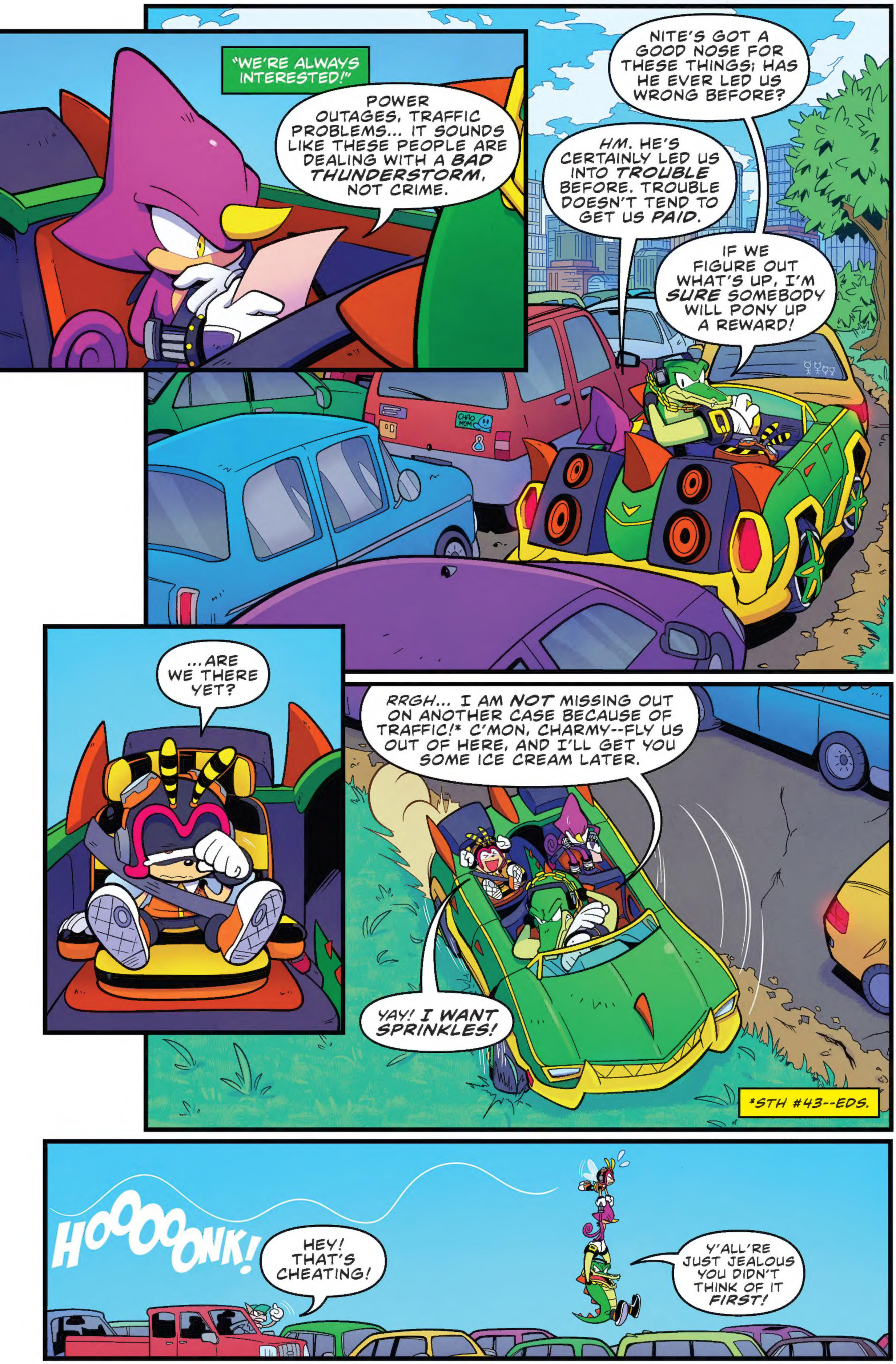

BYEEE--
OOP!
CLIK

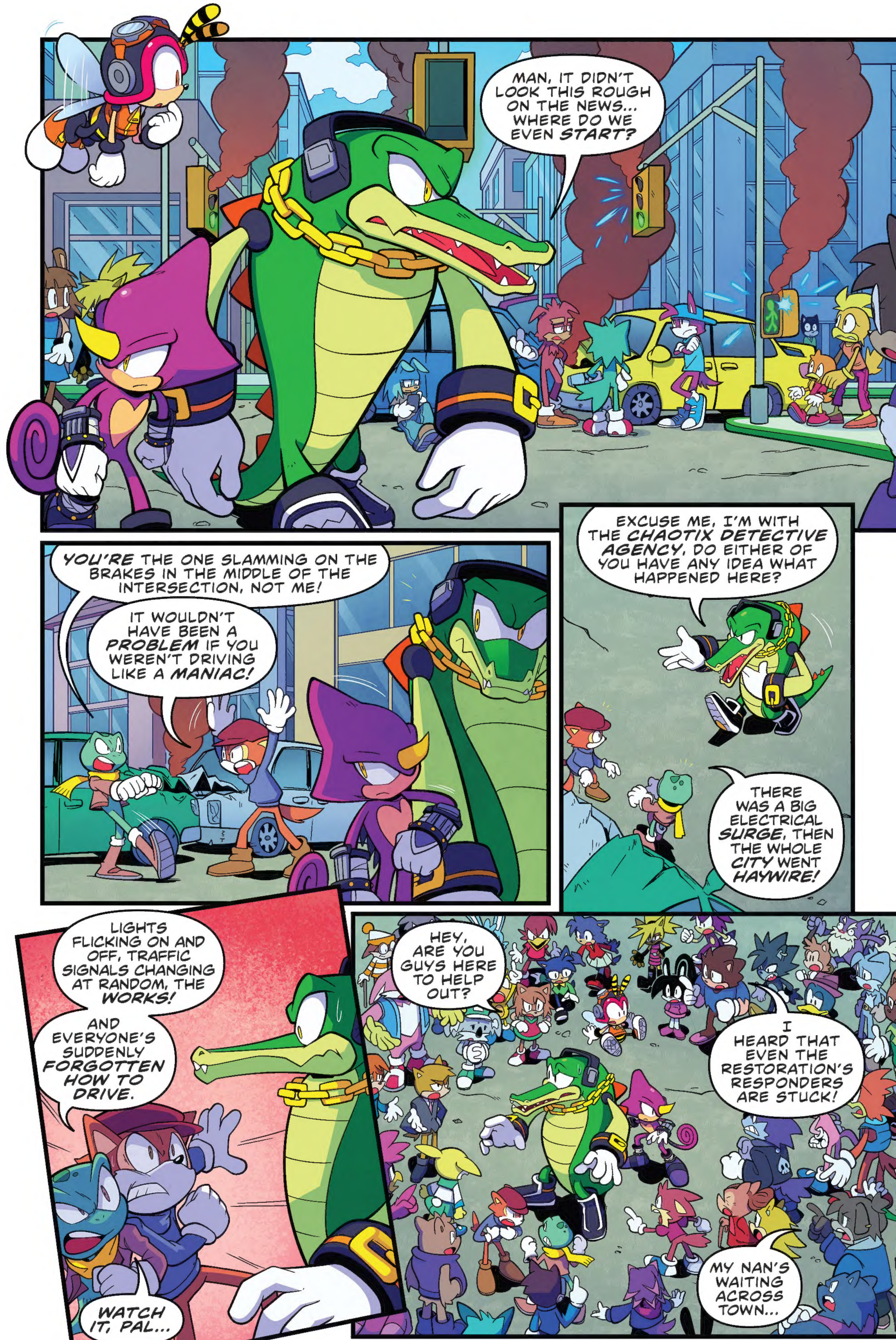

VECTOR! ESPIO! THERE'S MY FAVORITE DETECTIVE TEAM. HERE TO PICK UP RADIO'S LATEST STAR?
DIDJA HEAR ME? I HELPED PICK THE SONGS AND FIX PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS!
HE'S A NATURAL!

I WANNA COME BACK EVERY NIGHT AND--ZZZZ...
THANKS FOR WATCHING HIM. YOU GUYS ARE LIFESAVERS.
PLOP


WHAT WAS IT THIS TIME, A RAMPAGING MONSTER? DEADLY ASSASSINS?
...RETURNING LIBRARY BOOKS. CHARMY'S BANNED FOR LIFE, BUT IF WE TOLD HIM, HE'D BE HEARTBROKEN.


HEY, I GOT QUITE A FEW CALLS DURING THE SHOW FROM CENTRAL CITY THAT YOU THREE MIGHT WANT TO LOOK INTO... I THINK THERE'S A CASE IN IT FOR YA. INTERESTED?
A CASE?

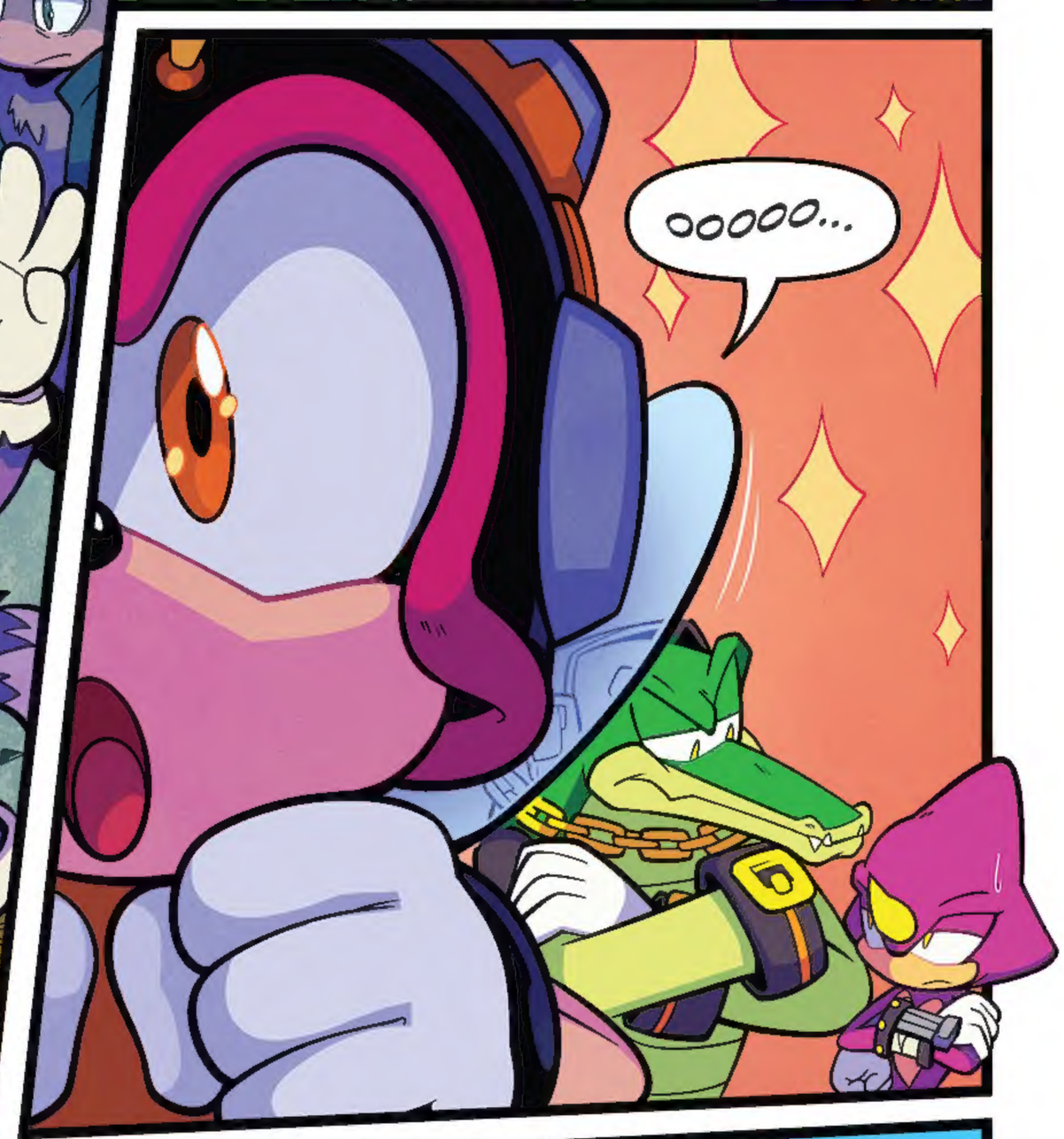

"WE'RE ALWAYS INTERESTED!"
POWER OUTAGES, TRAFFIC PROBLEMS... IT SOUNDS LIKE THESE PEOPLE ARE DEALING WITH A BAD THUNDERSTORM, NOT CRIME.
NITE'S GOT A GOOD NOSE FOR THESE THINGS; HAS HE EVER LED US WRONG BEFORE?
HM. HE'S CERTAINLY LED US INTO TROUBLE BEFORE. TROUBLE DOESN'T TEND TO GET US PAID.
IF WE FIGURE OUT WHAT'S UP, I'M SURE SOMEBODY WILL PONY UP A REWARD!
CHAO MOM
...ARE WE THERE YET?
RRGH... I AM NOT MISSING OUT ON ANOTHER CASE BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC!* C'MON, CHARMY--FLY US OUT OF HERE, AND I'LL GET YOU SOME ICE CREAM LATER.
YAY! I WANT SPRINKLES!
*STH #43--EDS.
HOOOONK!
HEY! THAT'S CHEATING!
Y'ALL'RE JUST JEALOUS YOU DIDN'T THINK OF IT FIRST!


MAN, IT DIDN'T LOOK THIS ROUGH ON THE NEWS... WHERE DO WE EVEN START?
YOU'RE THE ONE SLAMMING ON THE BRAKES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE INTERSECTION, NOT ME!
IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM IF YOU WEREN'T DRIVING LIKE A MANIAC!
EXCUSE ME, I'M WITH THE CHAOTIX DETECTIVE AGENCY, DO EITHER OF YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
THERE WAS A BIG ELECTRICAL SURGE, THEN THE WHOLE CITY WENT HAYWIRE!
LIGHTS FLICKING ON AND OFF, TRAFFIC SIGNALS CHANGING AT RANDOM, THE WORKS!
AND EVERYONE'S SUDDENLY FORGOTTEN HOW TO DRIVE.
WATCH IT, PAL...
HEY, ARE YOU GUYS HERE TO HELP OUT?
I HEARD THAT EVEN THE RESTORATION'S RESPONDERS ARE STUCK!
MY NAN'S WAITING ACROSS TOWN...

GEEZ, EVERYBODY HERE IS REALLY ANGRY!
WE'RE GETTING NOWHERE WITH THIS.
NOBODY SEEMS TO HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT--OR WHO--CAUSED IT...

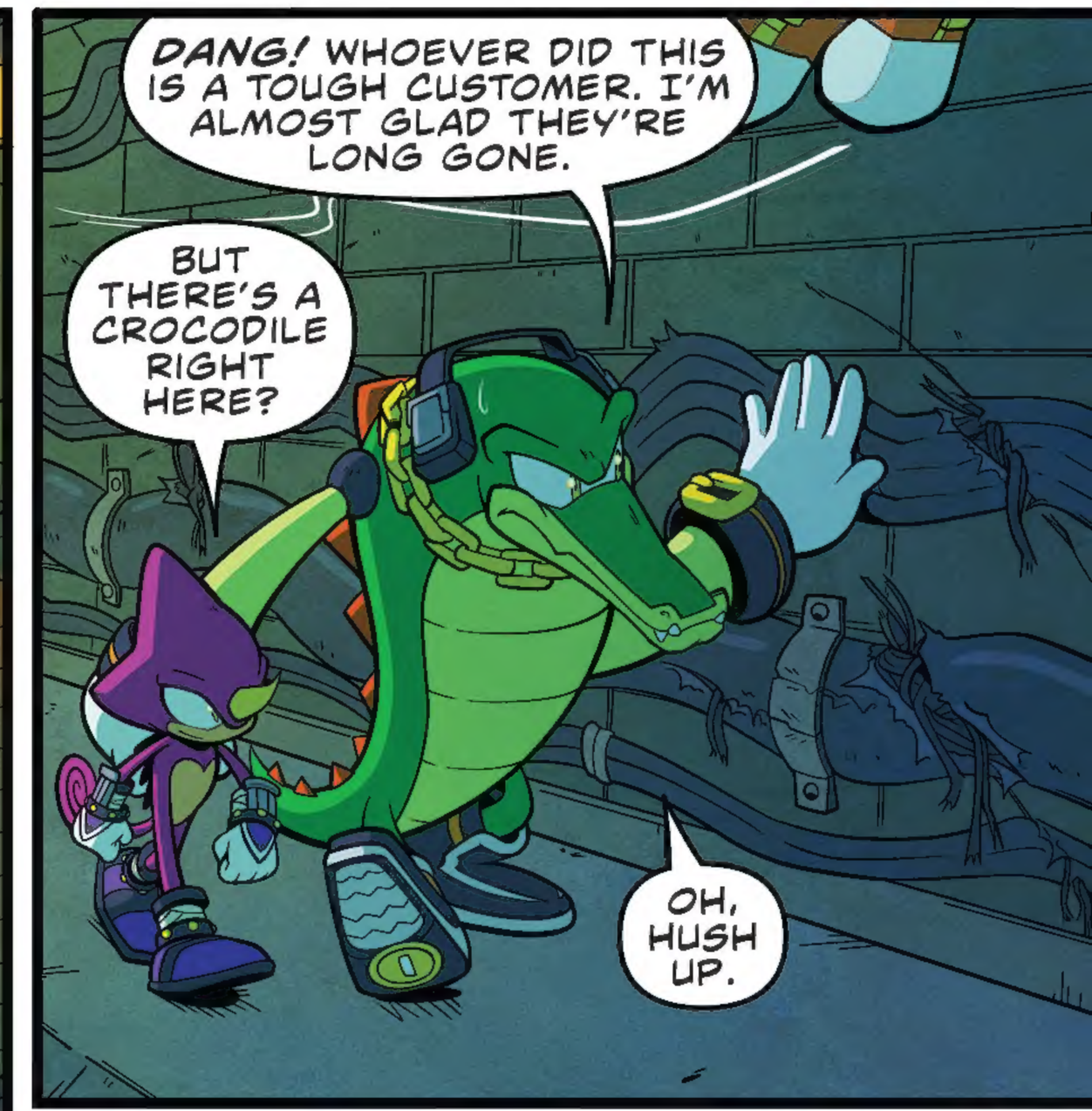
I KNOW WHO DONE DID IT!

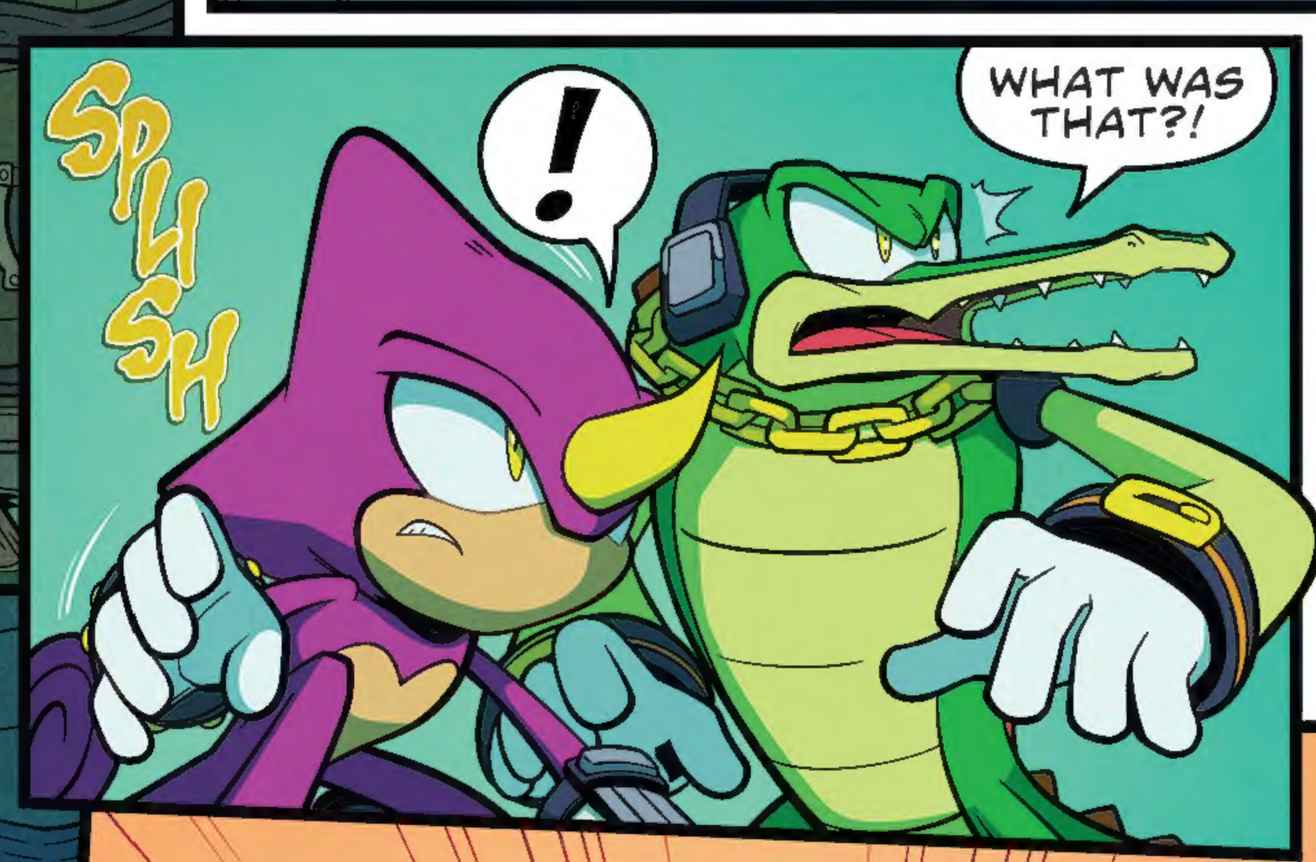
I SAW 'EM! COMIN' OUT OF THE SEWER!
IT WAS A CENTRAL CITY MUTANT MONSTER CROCODILE... HAD TO BE!


OOOOO...

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, BUT...
WATCH OUT, THEY'LL EAT YER LITTLE BEE FRIEND!
...WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEE MORE FROM UNDER THE STREET.

HOW'S IT LOOKING?
PROMISING.


DANG! WHOEVER DID THIS IS A TOUGH CUSTOMER. I'M ALMOST GLAD THEY'RE LONG GONE.
BUT THERE'S A CROCODILE RIGHT HERE?
OH, HUSH UP.


SPLISH
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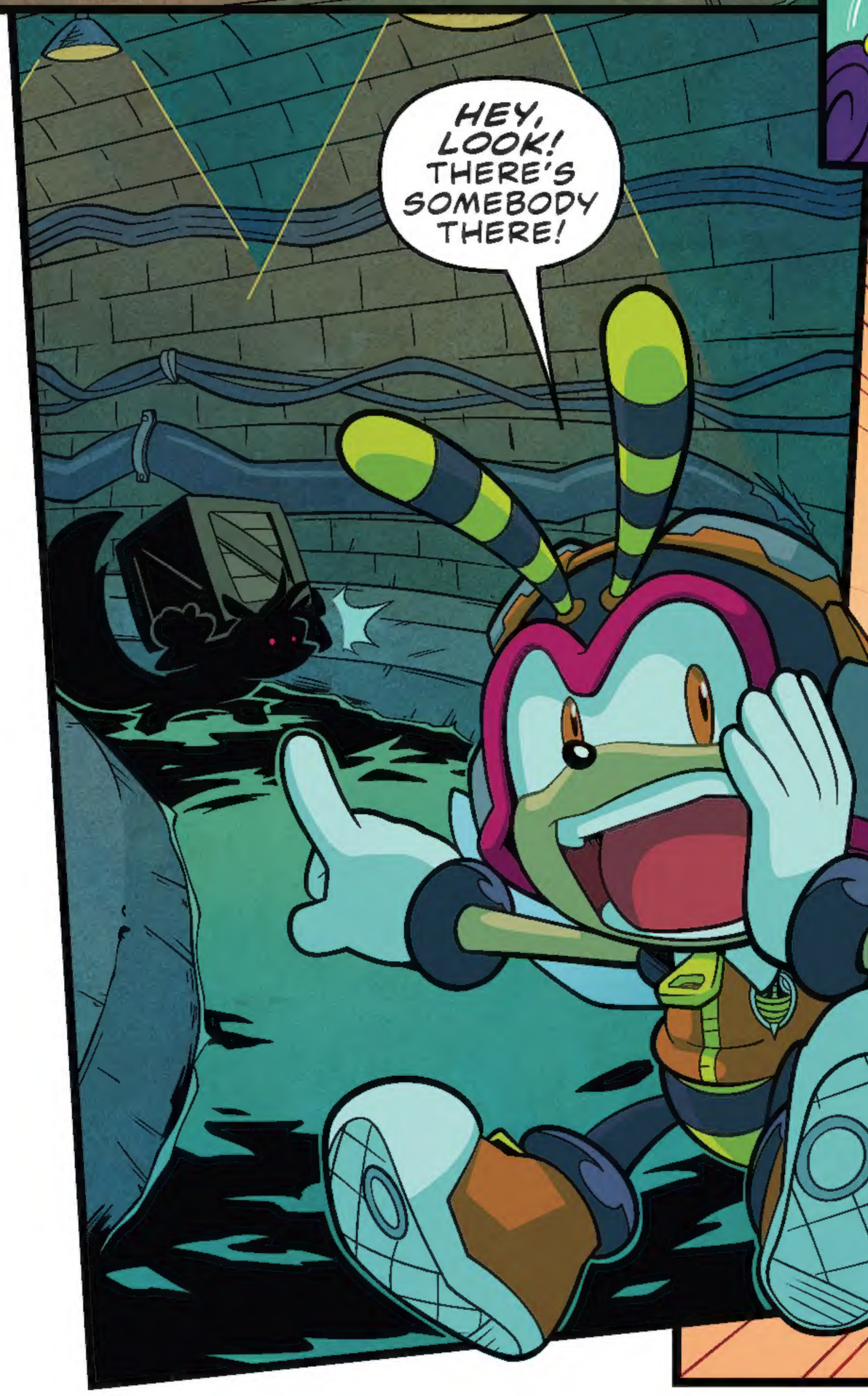
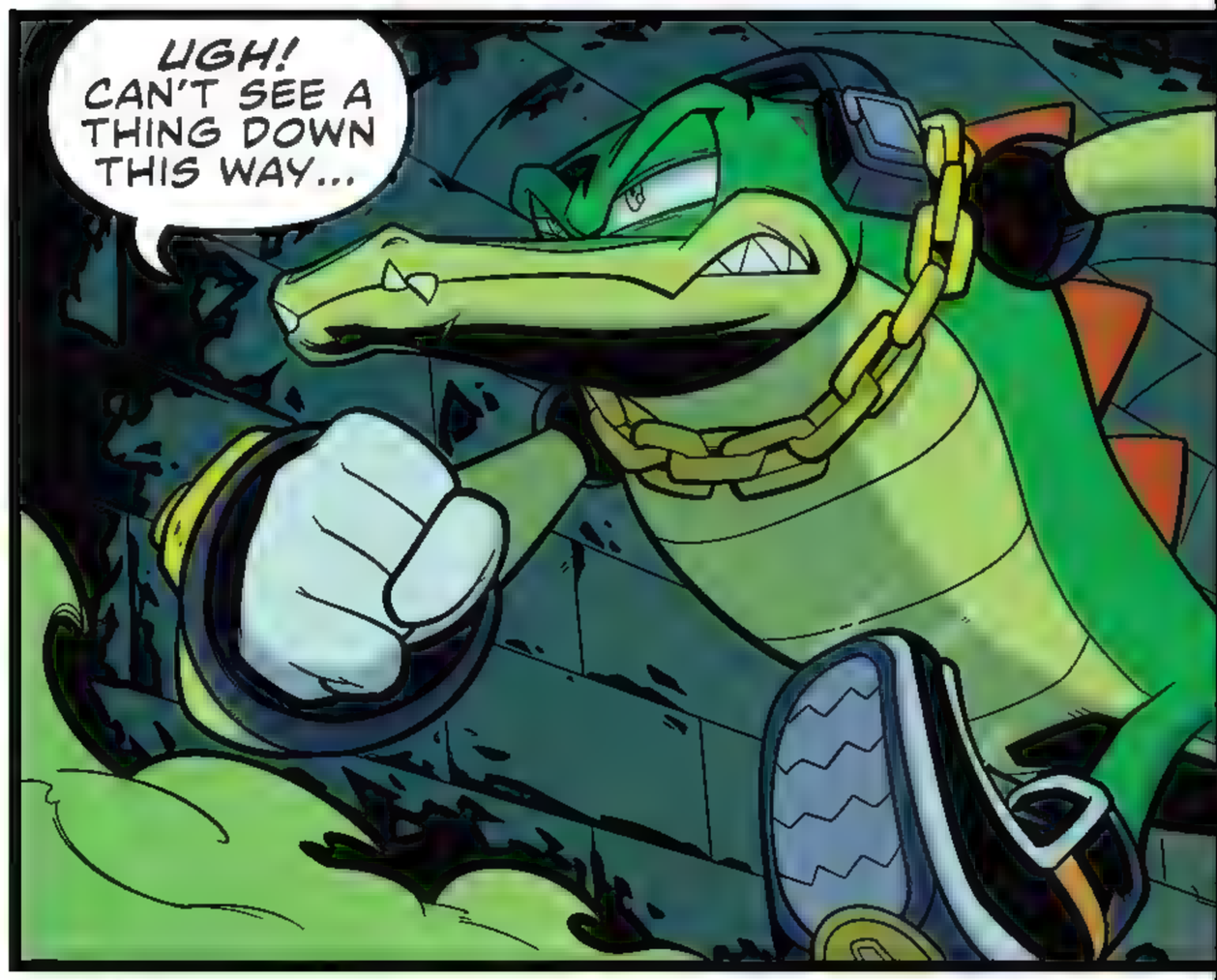
WHAT WAS THAT?!


HEY, LOOK! THERE'S SOMEBODY THERE!

GET 'EM, CHAOTIX!

CHARMY!
HERE I COME!
WHOOSH
STINGER ATTAAACK!
GAH!
OOP--
KA-THUNK
WHERE--
THIS WAY! FOLLOW ME!


UGH! CAN'T SEE A THING DOWN THIS WAY...

...NO GOOD. WE CAN'T CHASE A GUY WE CAN'T SEE.
I MUCH PREFER WHEN THE SHADOWS ARE ON OUR SIDE...
EW... WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

SOMETHING DOWN HERE REEKS.

I SAY WE MAKE A TACTICAL RETREAT.

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! PHEW!

MAN, THIS STINKS.
IT'S A LOT BETTER OUT HERE, THOUGH?
I MEAN FIGURATIVELY.

HEY, I THINK HE DROPPED THAT WHEN HE RAN!
THAT'S SOMETHING...!

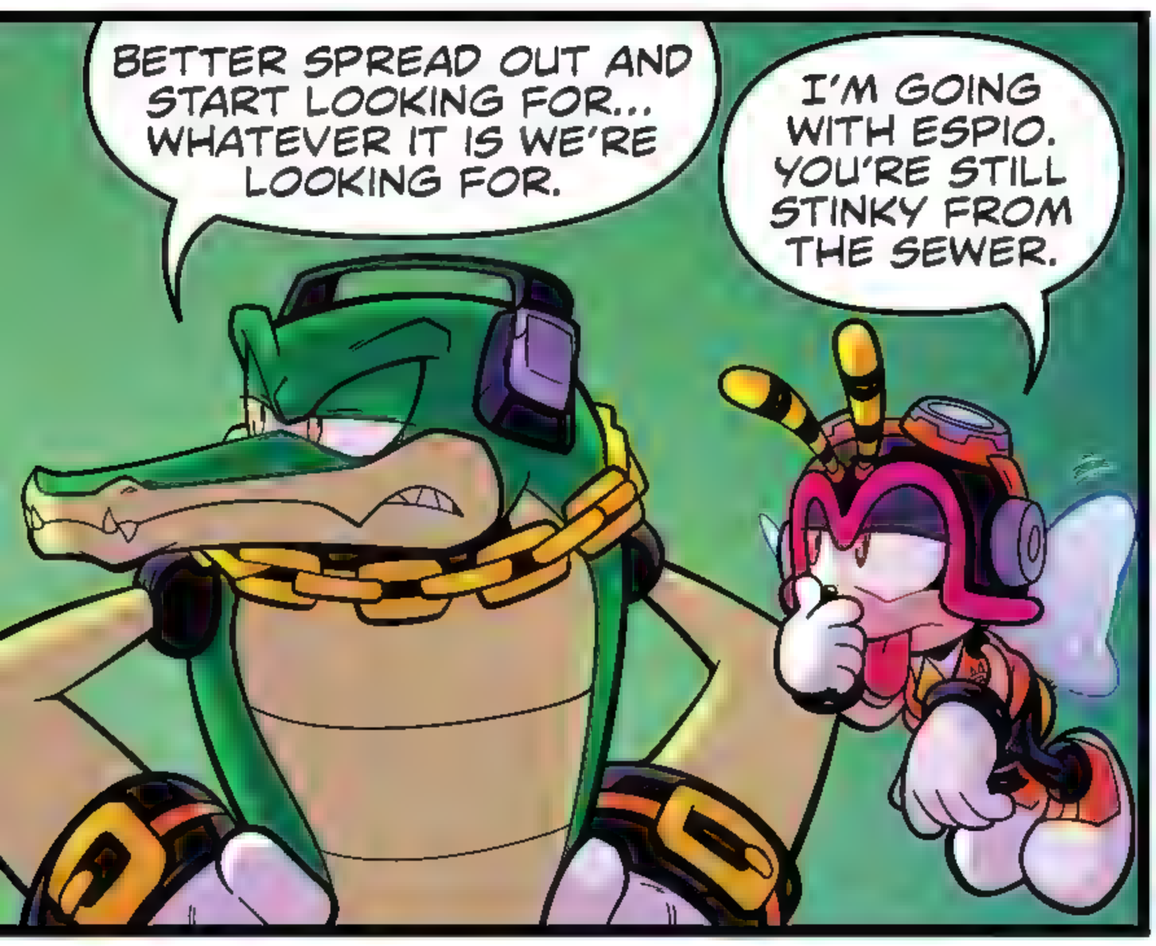
IS IT A CLUE?
DID I SPOT A CLUE?
IT'S FULL OF SCRAP METAL... WHO WOULD WANT THIS?

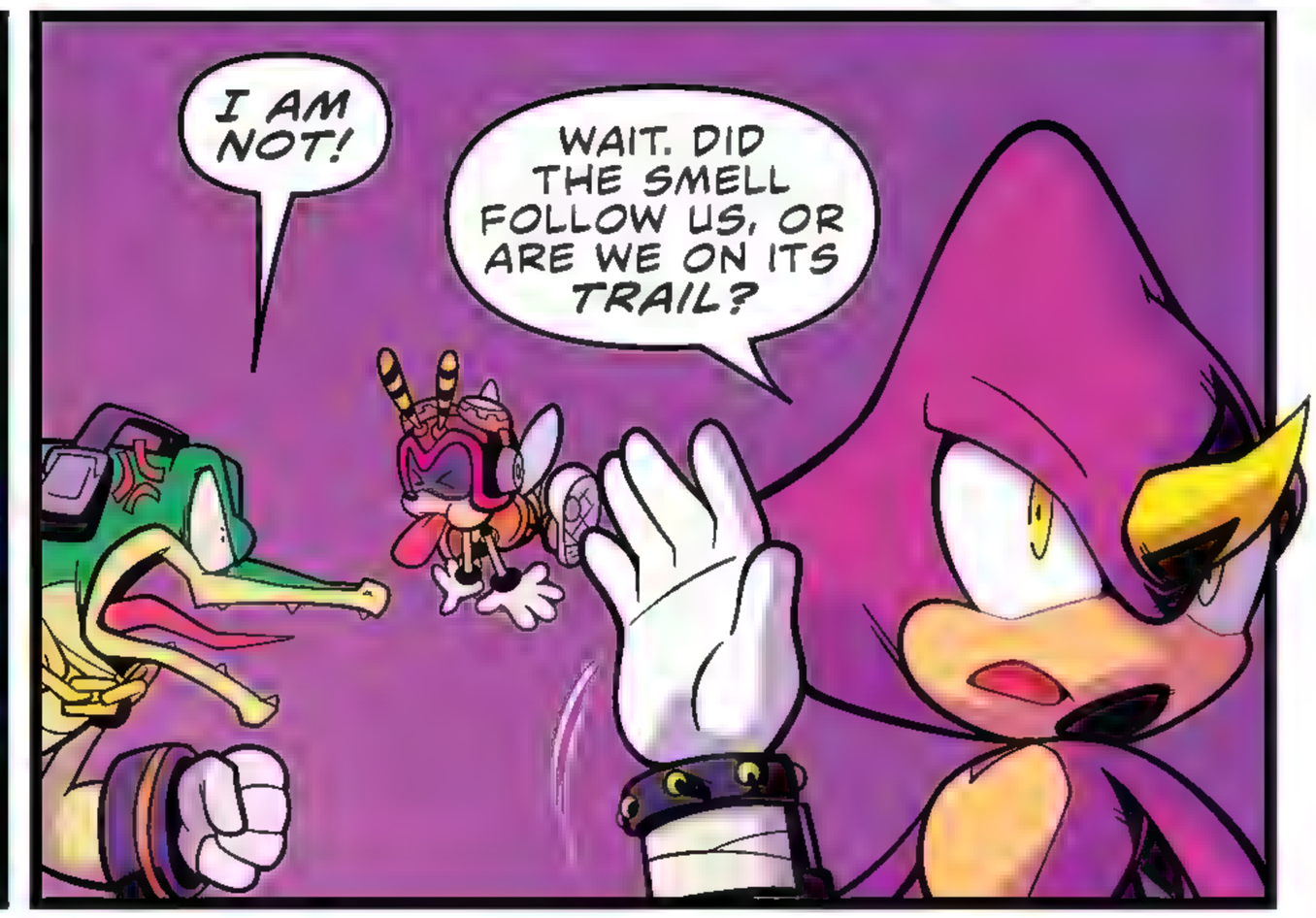
I DO NOT KNOW, BUT...
CENTRAL SHIPPING YARD

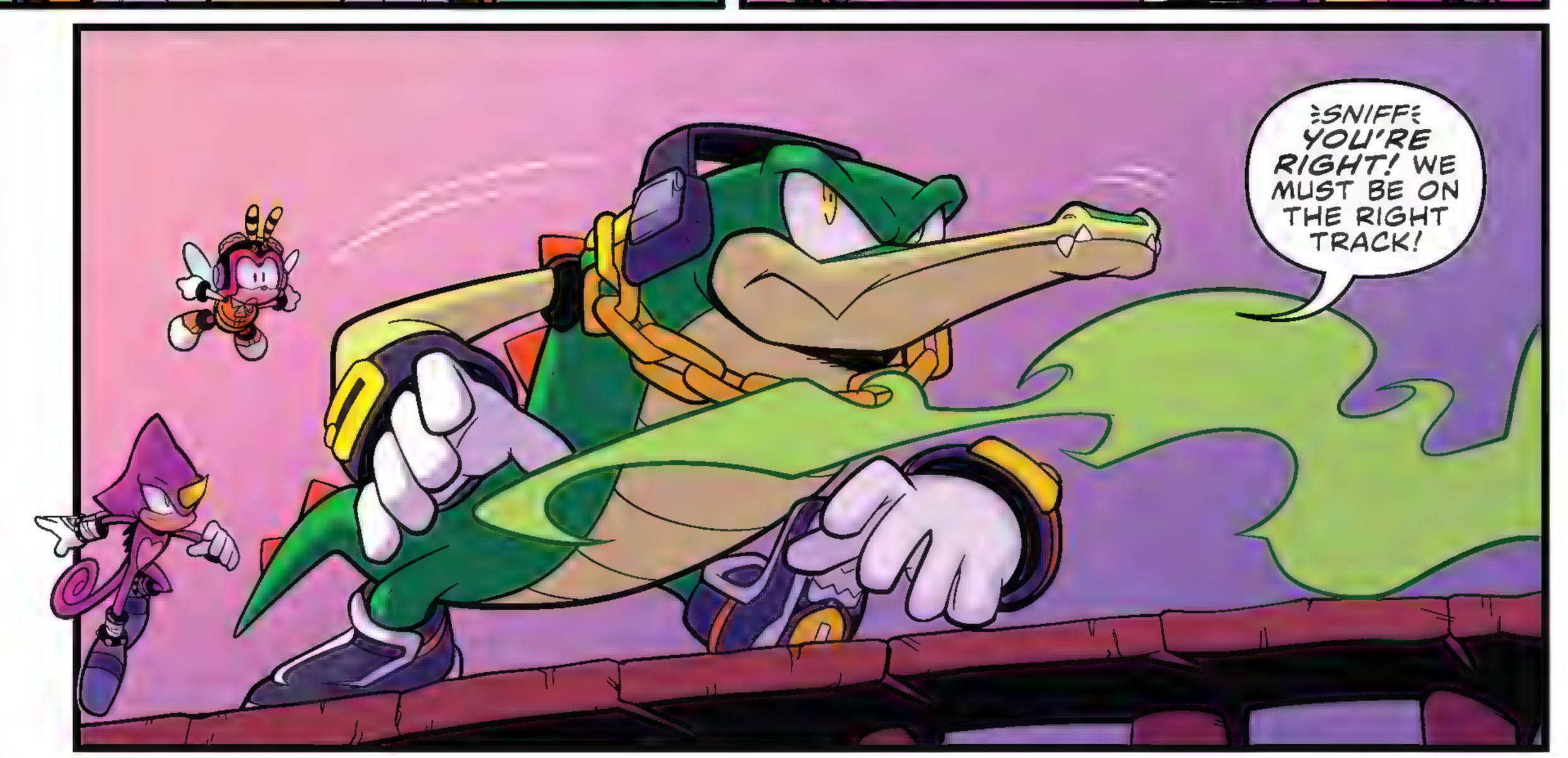
...I KNOW WHERE THEY CAME FROM.

WHERE IS EVERYBODY?

I GUESS THERE'S NOT MUCH POINT WORKING IN THE SHIPPING DISTRICT WHEN ALL THE *ROADS* ARE PLUGGED UP.

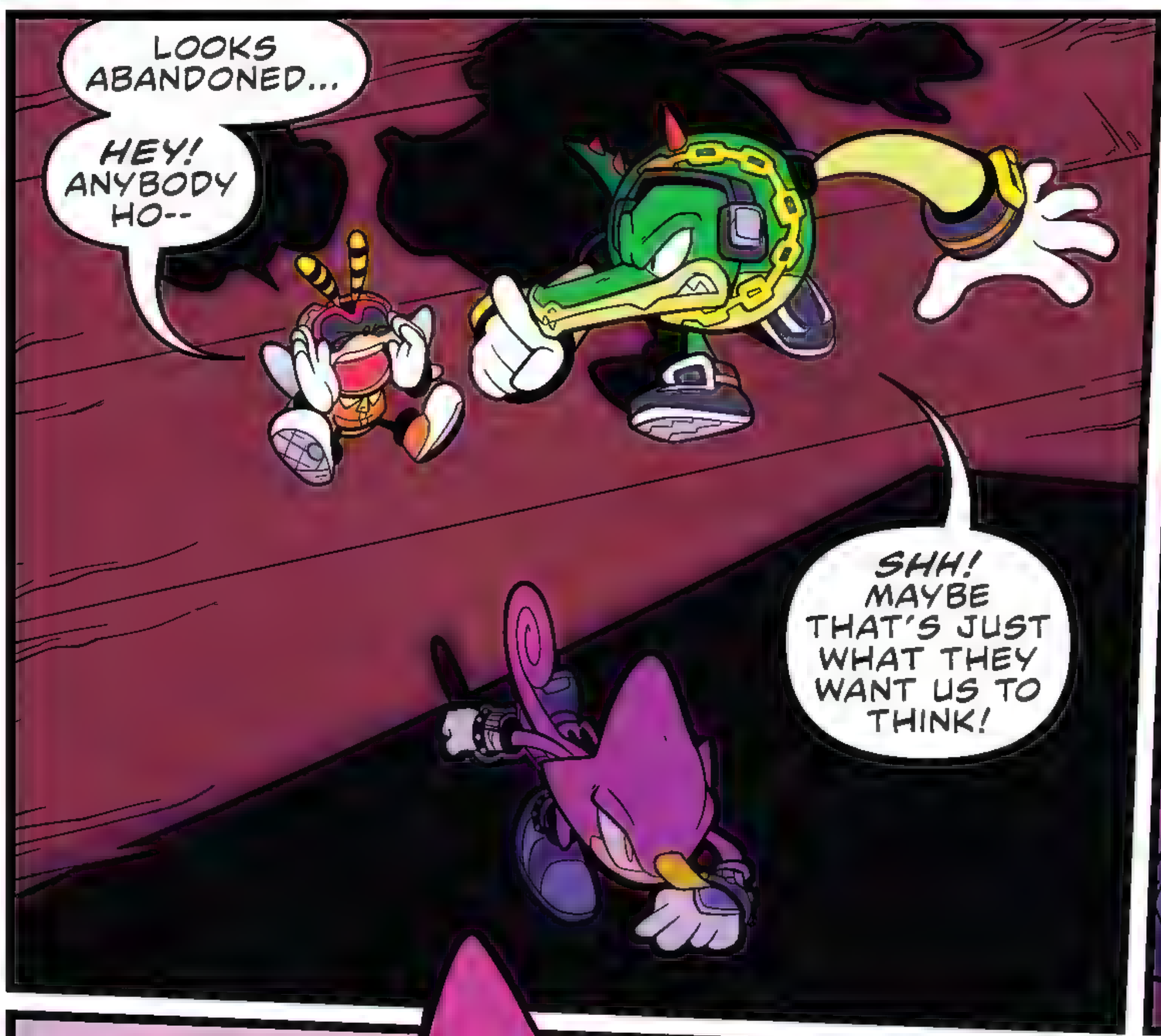




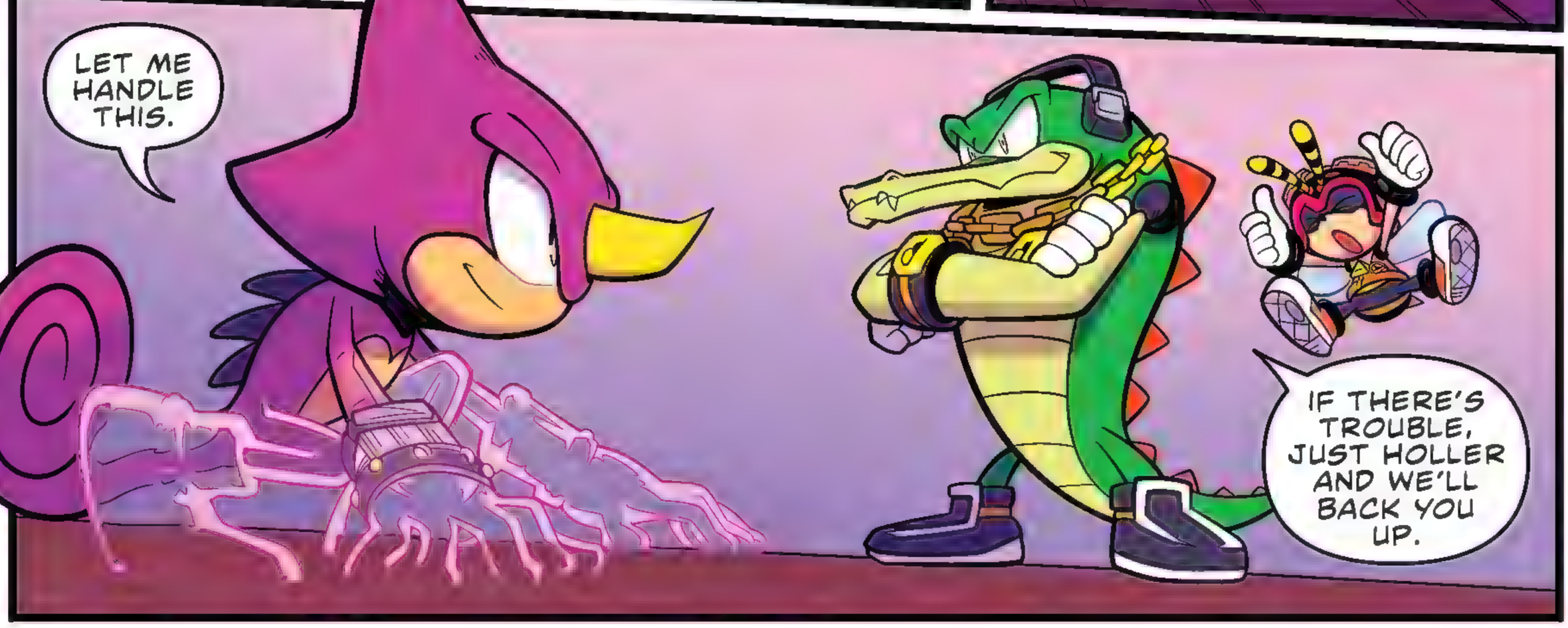


END OF THE LINE...

...THIS PLACE HAS SURE SEEN BETTER DAYS.


LOOKS ABANDONED...
HEY! ANYBODY HO--
SHH! MAYBE THAT'S JUST WHAT THEY WANT US TO THINK!

...
I HEAR VOICES.


LET ME HANDLE THIS.
IF THERE'S TROUBLE, JUST HOLLER AND WE'LL BACK YOU UP.

KRIC-
CREE-
CREAK
I SWEAR, I WAS MINDING MY OWN BUSINESS, DOING LIKE YOU SAID...
...WHEN BAM! THEY WERE RIGHT ON TOP OF ME! DON'T WORRY THOUGH, I GAVE 'EM THE SLIP.
GAVE 'EM A WHIFF OF THE OL' "STINK BOMBER." TURNED 'EM RIGHT AROUND.
WERE YOU ABLE TO DELIVER THE CRATE?
ERM... NO. MUST'VE DROPPED IT IN ALL THE EXCITEMENT.

GUESS WE CAN'T GET OUT OF THE CITY THAT WAY AGAIN.

...

OUR *ONE* ROUTE FOR MOVING CARGO, *GONE*. BECAUSE YOU WERE SPOTTED IN A SEWER.

I BROUGHT YOU TWO ON BECAUSE I NEED HELP I CAN RELY ON. HELP I CAN *TRUST*.

HEY, ALL OF THIS SNEAKIN' AROUND ISN'T EASY...

YEAH, HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW THE CHAOTIX WOULD BE DOWN THERE? THEY'RE NOT PUSHOVERS!

I'VE HEARD OF THEM.

THIS IS EVERYTHING I COULD SALVAGE FROM MY HOME BEFORE MY PROPERTY WAS CONFISCATED. THE LAST OF MY *WEALTH*, MY *HOPE*...

...*STUCK* HERE, WITH NO WAY TO GET IT OUT OF THE CITY TO MY BUYERS BECAUSE THE WHOLE CITY'S BEEN TURNED UPSIDE-DOWN.

ALL BECAUSE YOU GOT *SPOOKED* BY SOME THIRD-RATE GUMSHOES WHO *WEREN'T EVEN LOOKING FOR YOU*.

SO, DO I NEED TO SHOW YOU WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO DISAPPOINT ME?
CREEEAK
BLAM
GR-THOOM
!!!
YOU TWO ARE IN LUCK--LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO REDEEM YOURSELVES.

BLAM BLAM
BLAM
FWEEEET
BOOM
GRRAAAH
THAT'S YOUR CUE, BOYS.
YOU TRACKED US DOWN?
MIGHT THINK WE'RE HUMBLED...
...BUT YOU'VE NEVER TANGLED WITH ROUGH & TUMBLE!

SO THAT'S HOW YOU *PLAY* IT? OKAY, THEN I'LL *SAY* IT...

...YOUR JUDGEMENT'S SLIPPIN' THINKING TO TRY THE CROC? GONNA BE TRIPPIN' BETTER WATCH THE WALK...

...CHAMELEON'S THE OTHER ONE TO FEAR NEVER KNOW WHEN HE'LL APPEAR BUT IT'S *YOU* I WANNA HEAR...

RRRAH!

...STINGERS COMIN' ON THE NEXT PASS, BEEHIVE'S READY, GON' KICK--

THAT'S ME! I'M THE BEE, RIGHT?

SO IF YOU DIDN'T CAUSE THE TROUBLE DOWNTOWN, WHO DID?

ONLY WE GET TO RHYME!
AND YOUR METRE IS TRASH!
THAT'LL DO, BOYS.
CHARMY, VECTOR-- THESE THREE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE POWER FAILURES. THEY'RE NOT OUR TARGET.
THEY'RE DEFINITELY NOT INNOCENT, THOUGH. WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY, GRAMPS?
ONCE UPON A TIME, MY REPUTATION WOULD HAVE PRECEDED ME...
...YOU KNOW, I WAS PERFECTLY CONTENT TO ENJOY MY RETIREMENT IN WHITE PARK WITH MY CHAO.
THAT IS, UNTIL SOME WILD PACK OF DO-GOODERS TRASHED MY HOME*... NOW I SEE THAT IT WAS A BLESSING IN DISGUISE-- A WAKE-UP CALL, EVEN.
THERE'S A WHOLE NEW GENERATION OF HEROES OUT THERE! HEROES I'VE NEVER TRICKED, SWINDLED, OR BEATEN! AND AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE, THAT SIMPLY WON'T STAND. IT'S HIGH TIME I REBUILT MY EMPIRE.
IT MAY BE A HUMBLE START, BUT IT'S RELIABLE; THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE OUT THERE LOOKING FOR WEAPONS.
*STH #36--EDS.

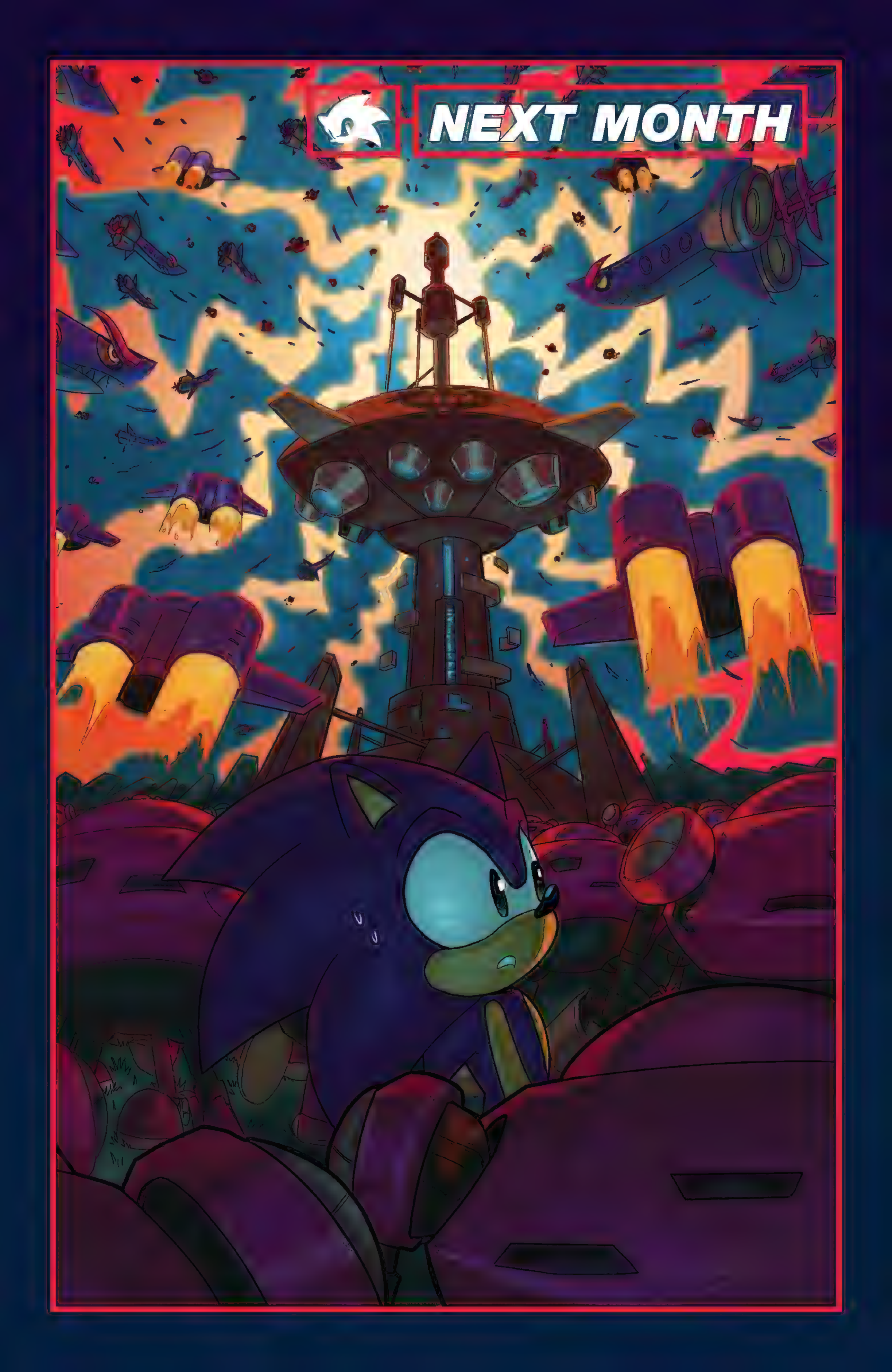
ESPIO, STAND BACK!
WHAM
CRASH
LOOKS LIKE ALL YOUR STUFF'S GONE. TOO BAD.
...

MOVE. WE'RE NOT LETTING YOU GO.
OF COURSE. THERE'S JUST ONE THING...
...MIGHT THESE BE YOURS, SON?
HOW DID YOU GET--
SWOSH
GAKK--
YIPE!
SPLAT

SPREAD THE WORD, CHAOTIX...
...CLUTCH THE OPOSSUM IS BACK!

...I'M SORRY. I FAILED.
NAH, IT'S ALL GOOD. WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WE WERE GETTING INTO.
SO WHO DID MESS UP THE CITY?
I DUNNO, CHARMY. THE TRAIL'S GONE COLD.

"I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT."
NEXT TIME:
CALLING ALL BADNIKS!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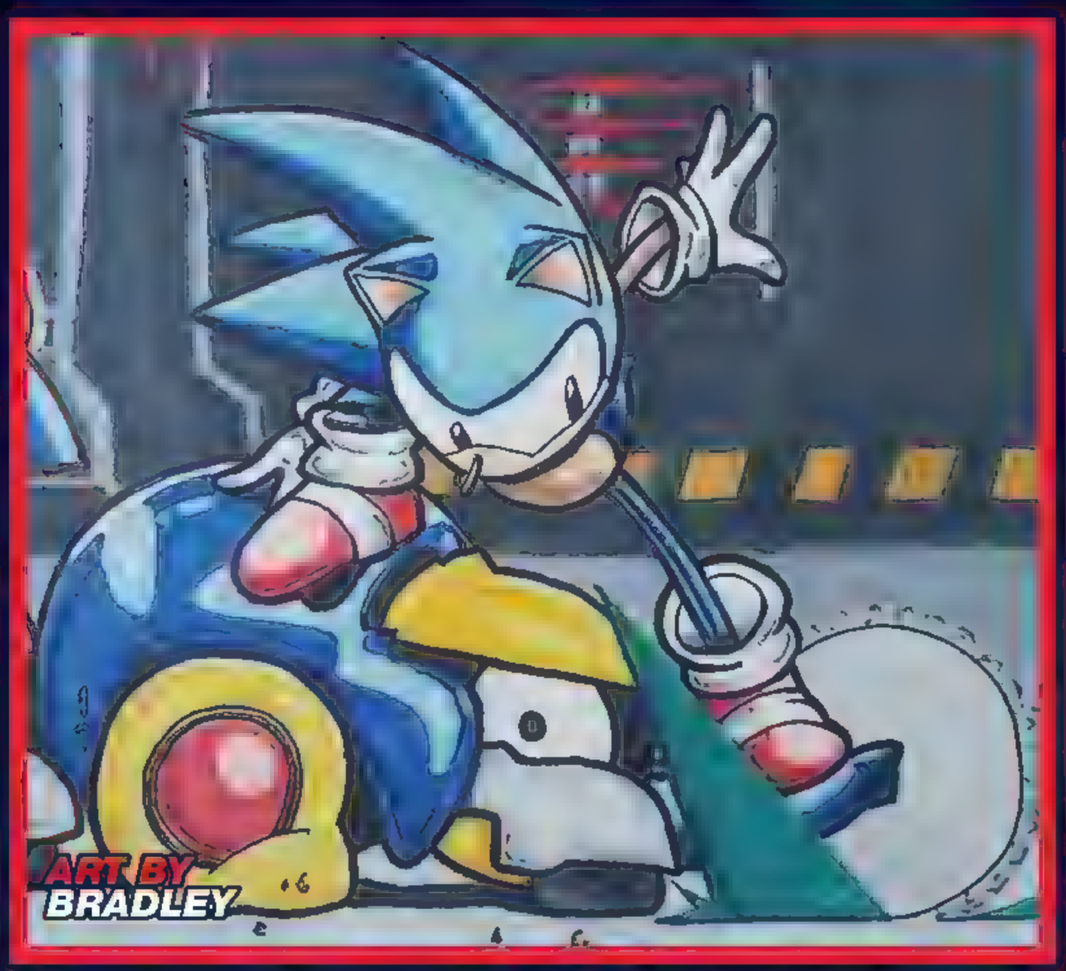


Hi, detectives! Who is behind all of these crimes?! All will be revealed soon… Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Aaron Hammerstrom, Matt Froese, Reggie Graham, and Shawn Lee for this super fun Chaotix story! Now, on to your art and letters!

Hi, Sonic Team

I am Vinnie, I'm 5, I think your comics are great, thank you for making them. I love when Sonic fights Dr. Eggman. I don't like to see him lose.

The Chaotix are really funny, they are my favorite.

Keep up the good work making really good comic books!

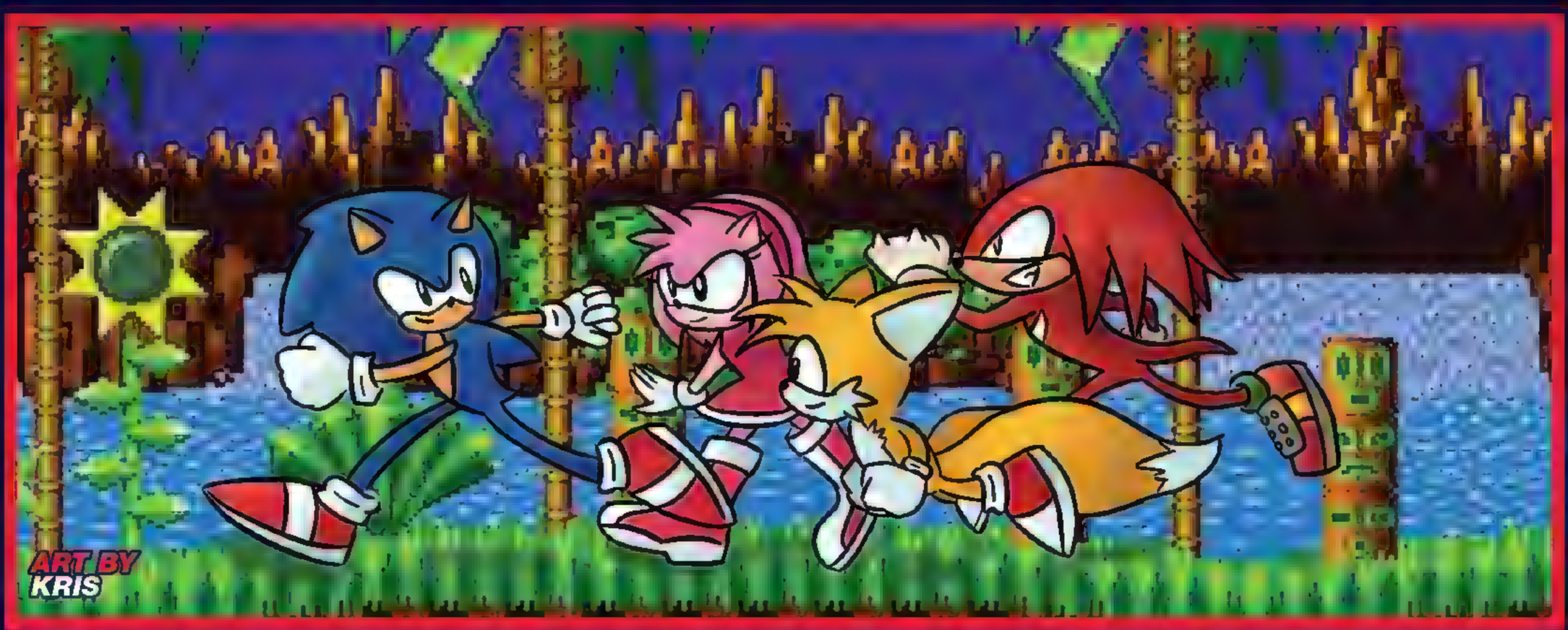
Vinnie

Hi Vinnie!

How lucky that the Chaotix are your favorite and they just got a whole issue! I really hope you enjoyed #48 and laughed at all the hijinks they got up to. Do you have a favorite member? Mine is probably Charmy, he's just so adorable. Thank you for reading the comics and for your amazing artwork!

Dear Sonic comics,

I really like your Sonic comics (especially the one called "Amy's New Hobby" and hope you make more like it soon!) and can't wait to read more of them and the letters (and reading about the colorist who make the comics). I really like the new characters and like one of



the letters I read. I think Belle and the Tinker should be allowed to be together again (and what if the Tinker joins Sonic's team!). I love your comics and I can't wait to read more.

Bye!
P.S. My name is RJ

Hi, RJ,

Thank you so much for your letter and art! I'm so glad that you liked "Amy's New Hobby," it's one of my favorite stories. I love when Sonic defeats Eggman, but it's also fun to see what the characters get up to when they have free time.

I hear you about Belle and Mr. Tinker but… I don't think he'll be returning anytime soon. Even if Eggman can't be the father that Belle wants, she's found so so so many new friends who love her. I think she's better off at the Restoration.

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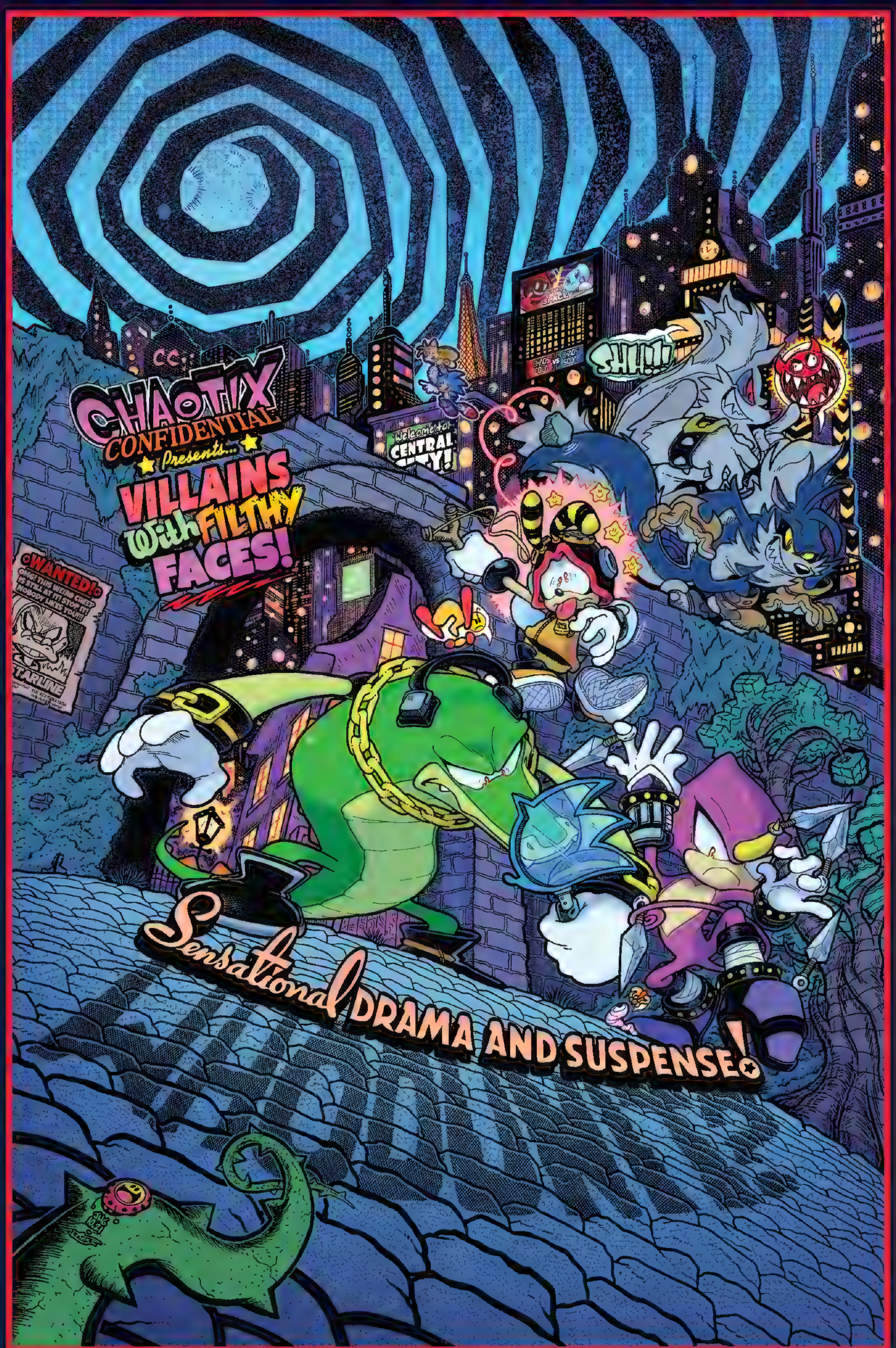

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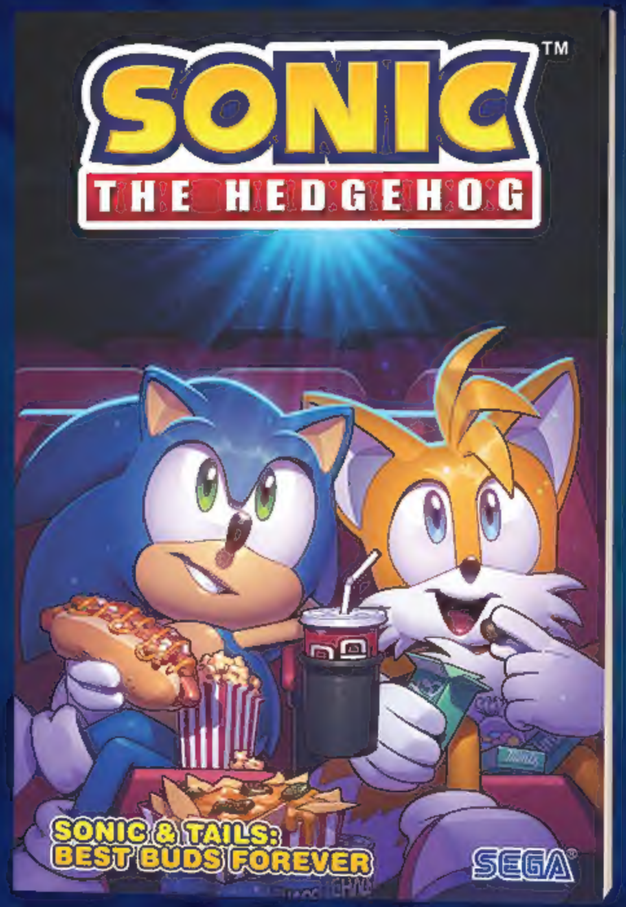

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